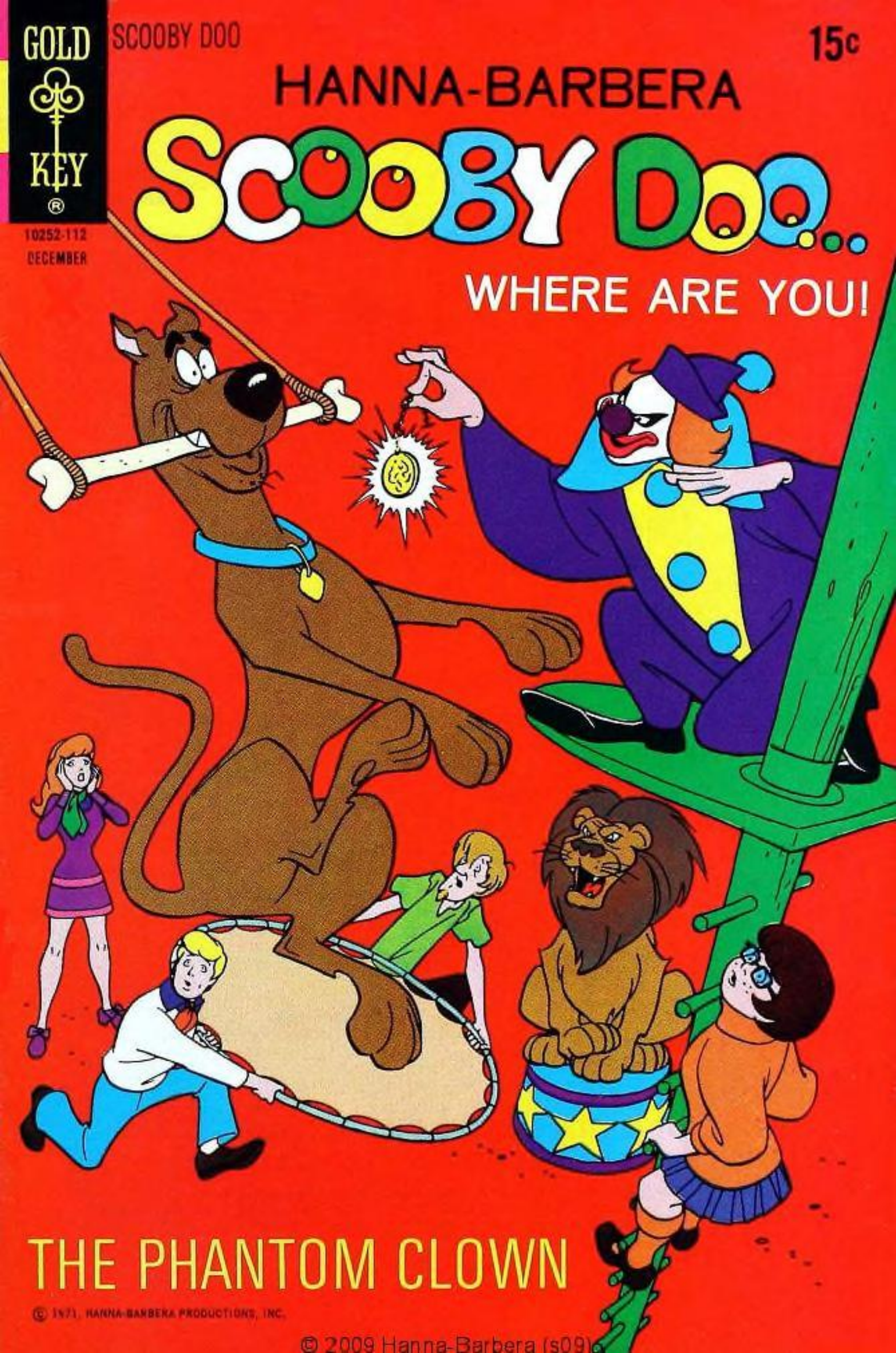

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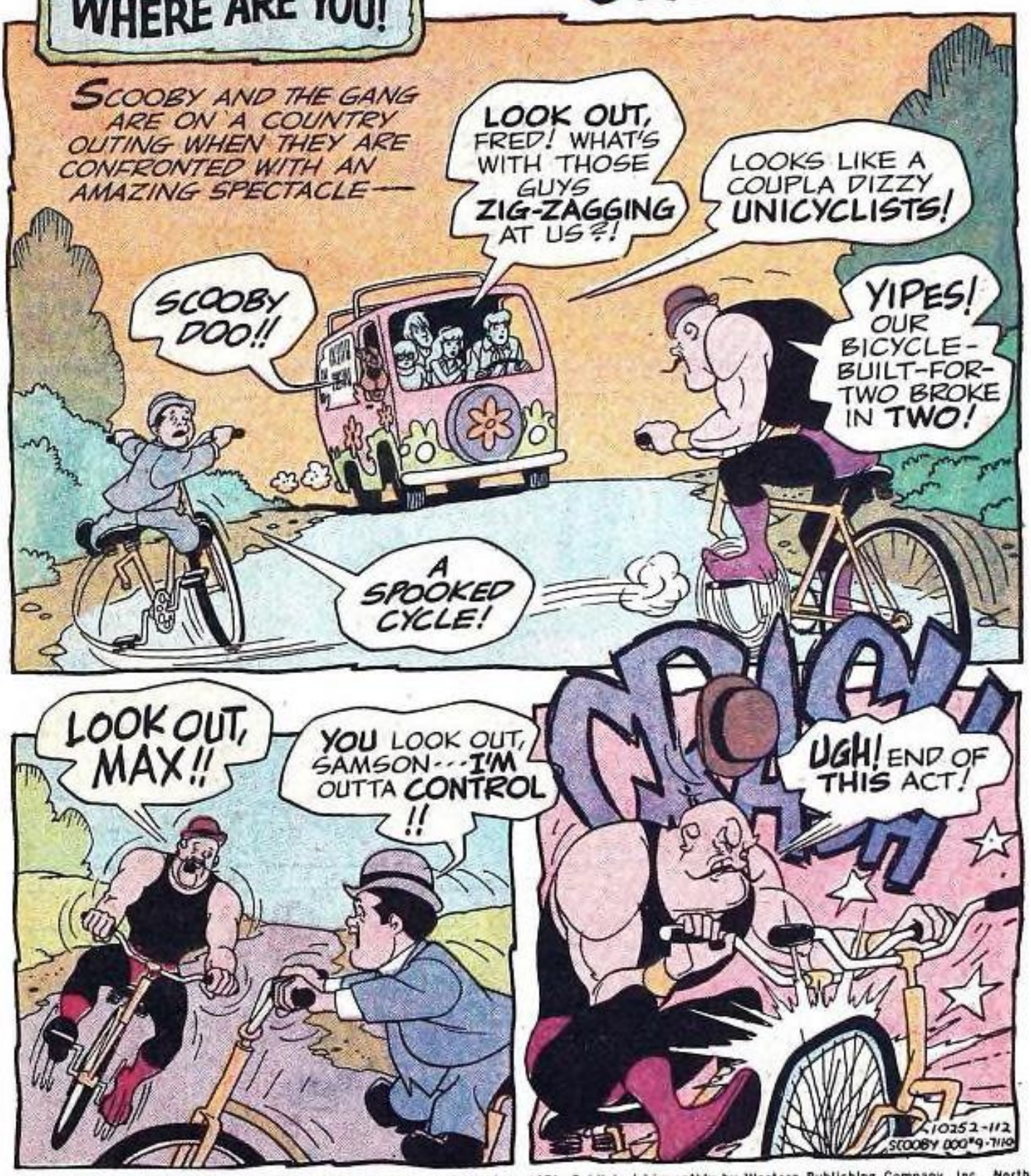
SCOOBY DOO... WHERE ARE YOU!

The PHANTOM CLOWN


SCOOBY AND THE GANG ARE ON A COUNTRY OUTING WHEN THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITH AN AMAZING SPECTACLE—
LOOK OUT, FRED! WHAT'S WITH THOSE GUYS ZIG-ZAGGING AT US?!
LOOKS LIKE A COUPLA DIZZY UNICYCLISTS!
SCOOBY DOO!!
YIPES! OUR BICYCLE-BUILT-FOR-TWO BROKE IN TWO!
A SPOOKED CYCLE!
LOOK OUT, MAX!!
YOU LOOK OUT, SAMSON---I'M OUTTA CONTROL!!
UGH! END OF THIS ACT!
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HEY, ARE YOU OKAY, MISTER?
I'M FINE...BUT MY PARTNER, MAX THE MIDGET, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED!
FOLLOOO SCOOBY DOOOO!!
HUH? FOLLOW YOU WHERE, SCOOBY?
?
OH, I SEE...THE MIDGET GOT KNOCKED FOR A LOOP INTO A TREE!
H-HELP! I CAN'T HOLD ON ANY LONGER!
ARF!
CATCH HIM, SOMEBODY!
OOF!! THANKS... I THINK!
SCOOBY DOO!
GRR! A GUY CAN'T EVEN QUIT THAT JINXED CIRCUS WITHOUT GETTIN' AN EVIL CLOBBERING!
ER... WHAT CIRCUS, MY BIG BURLY BUDDY?

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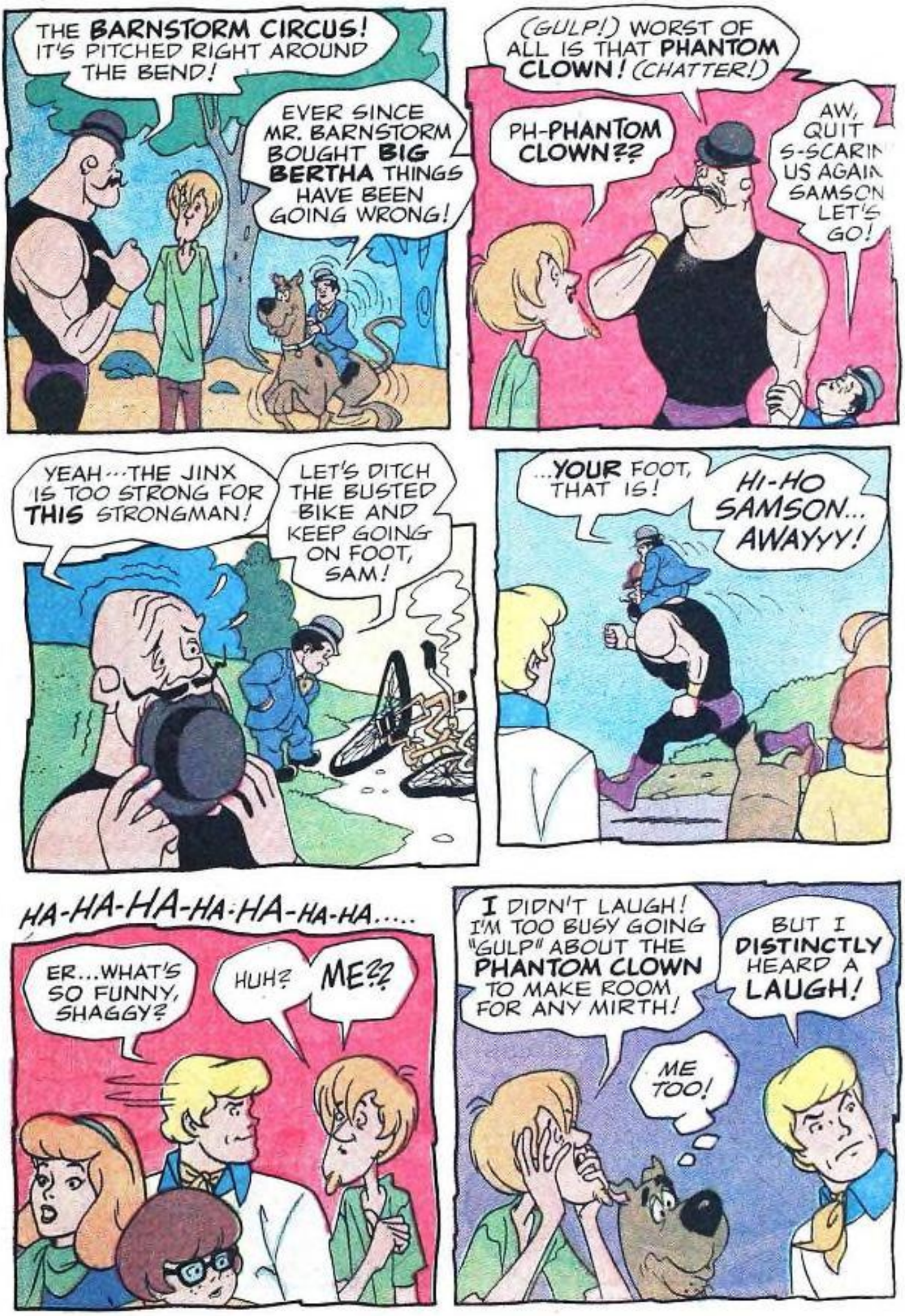
THE BARNSTORM CIRCUS! IT'S PITCHED RIGHT AROUND THE BEND!
EVER SINCE MR. BARNSTORM BOUGHT BIG BERTHA THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING WRONG!
(GULP!) WORST OF ALL IS THAT PHANTOM CLOWN! (CHATTER!)
PH-PHANTOM CLOWN??
AW, QUIT S-SCARIN US AGAIN SAMSON LET'S GO!
YEAH···THE JINX IS TOO STRONG FOR THIS STRONGMAN!
LET'S DITCH THE BUSTED BIKE AND KEEP GOING ON FOOT, SAM!
...YOUR FOOT, THAT IS!
HI-HO SAMSON... AWAYYY!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA.....
ER...WHAT'S SO FUNNY, SHAGGY?
HUH?
ME??
I DIDN'T LAUGH! I'M TOO BUSY GOING "GULP" ABOUT THE PHANTOM CLOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR ANY MIRTH!
BUT I DISTINCTLY HEARD A LAUGH!
ME TOO!

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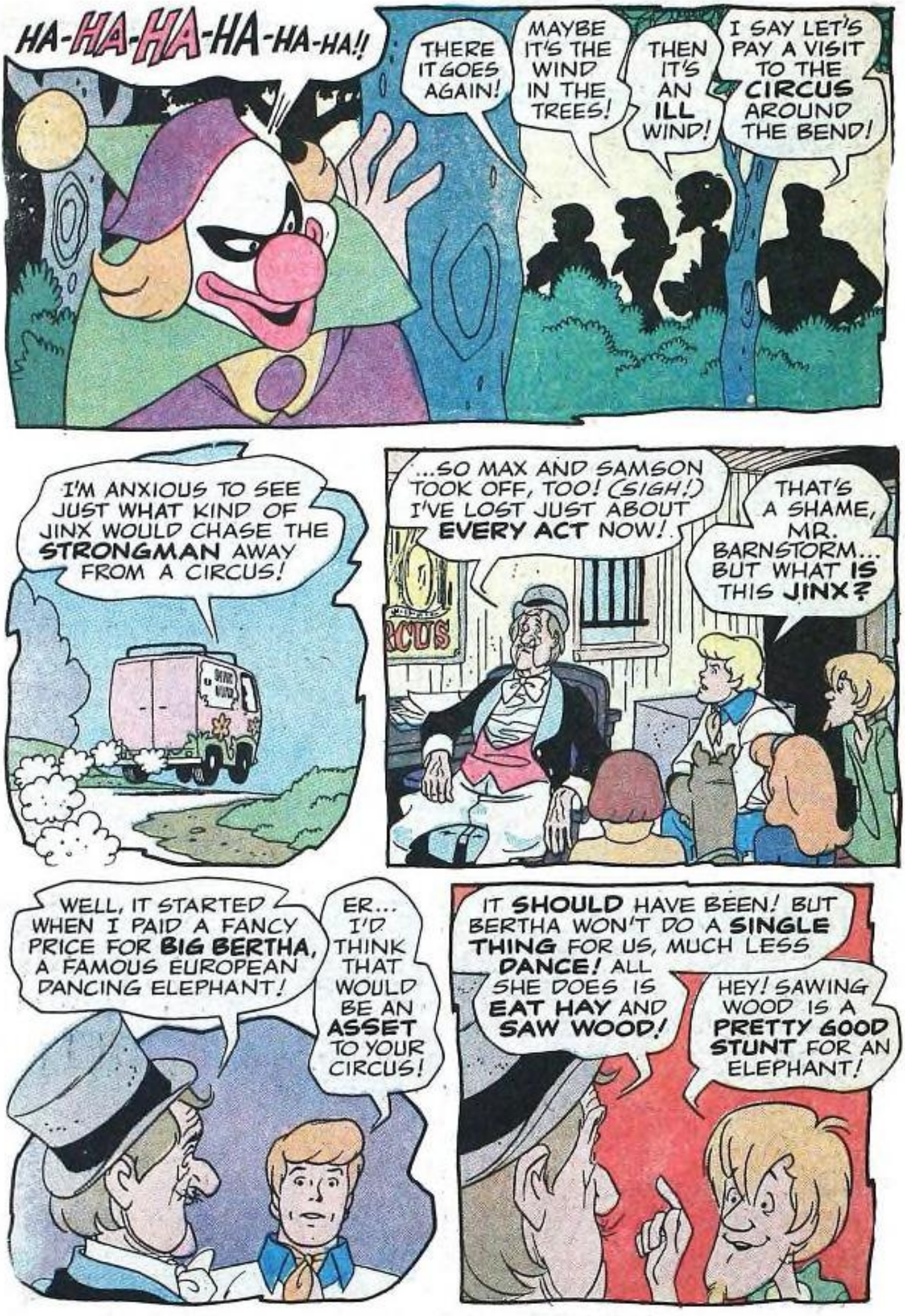
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!
THERE IT GOES AGAIN!
MAYBE IT'S THE WIND IN THE TREES!
THEN IT'S AN ILL WIND!
I SAY LET'S PAY A VISIT TO THE CIRCUS AROUND THE BEND!
I'M ANXIOUS TO SEE JUST WHAT KIND OF JINX WOULD CHASE THE STRONGMAN AWAY FROM A CIRCUS!
...SO MAX AND SAMSON TOOK OFF, TOO! (SIGH!) I'VE LOST JUST ABOUT EVERY ACT NOW!
THAT'S A SHAME, MR. BARNSTORM... BUT WHAT IS THIS JINX?
WELL, IT STARTED WHEN I PAID A FANCY PRICE FOR BIG BERTHA, A FAMOUS EUROPEAN DANCING ELEPHANT!
ER... I'D THINK THAT WOULD BE AN ASSET TO YOUR CIRCUS!
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN! BUT BERTHA WON'T DO A SINGLE THING FOR US, MUCH LESS DANCE! ALL SHE DOES IS EAT HAY AND SAW WOOD!
HEY! SAWING WOOD IS A PRETTY GOOD STUNT FOR AN ELEPHANT!

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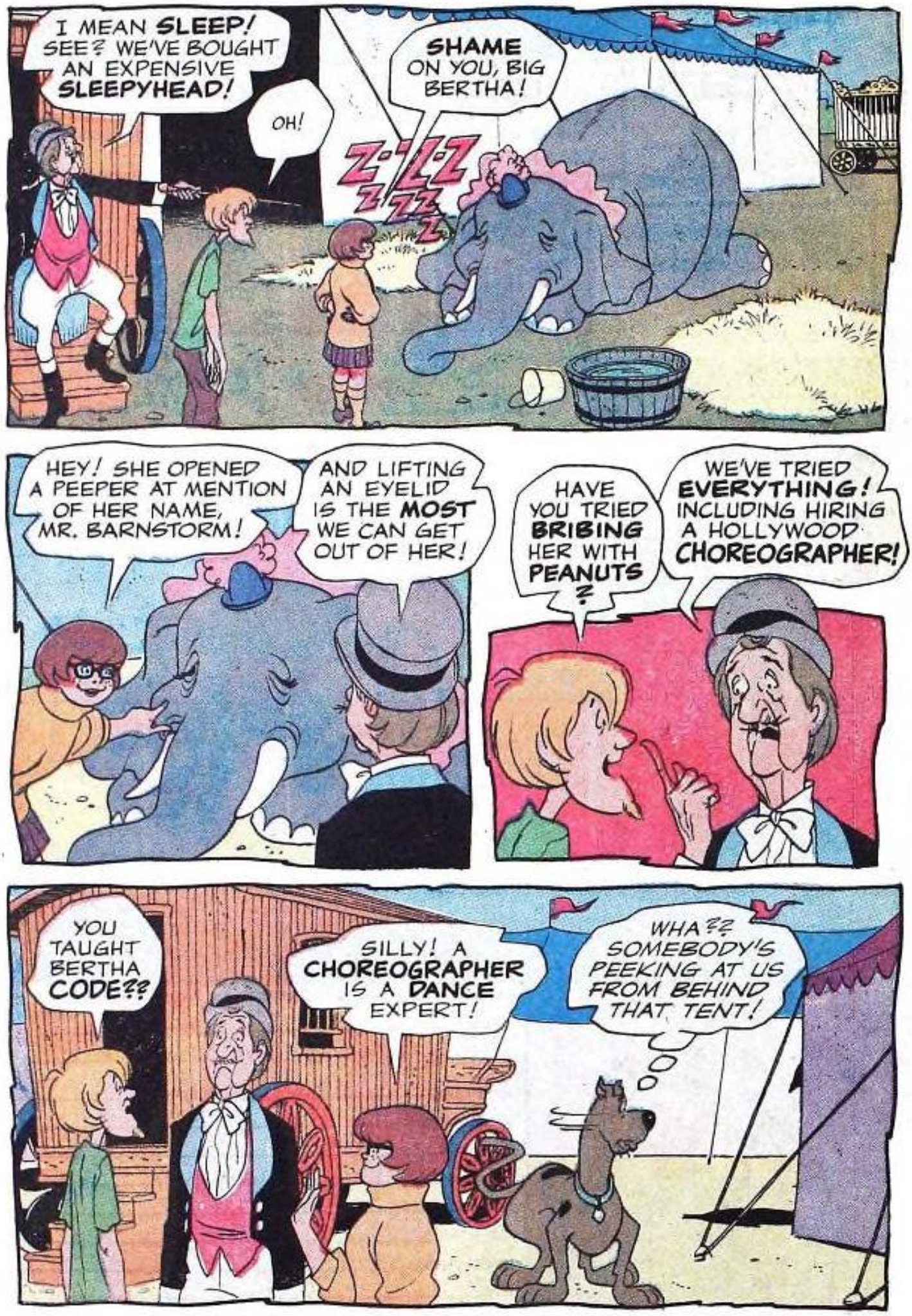
I MEAN SLEEP! SEE? WE'VE BOUGHT AN EXPENSIVE SLEEPYHEAD!
OH!
SHAME ON YOU, BIG BERTHA!
Z-Z-Z-Z
HEY! SHE OPENED A PEEPER AT MENTION OF HER NAME, MR. BARNSTORM!
AND LIFTING AN EYELID IS THE MOST WE CAN GET OUT OF HER!
HAVE YOU TRIED BRIBING HER WITH PEANUTS?
WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING! INCLUDING HIRING A HOLLYWOOD CHOREOGRAPHER!
YOU TAUGHT BERTHA CODE??
SILLY! A CHOREOGRAPHER IS A DANCE EXPERT!
WHA?? SOMEBODY'S PEEKING AT US FROM BEHIND THAT TENT!

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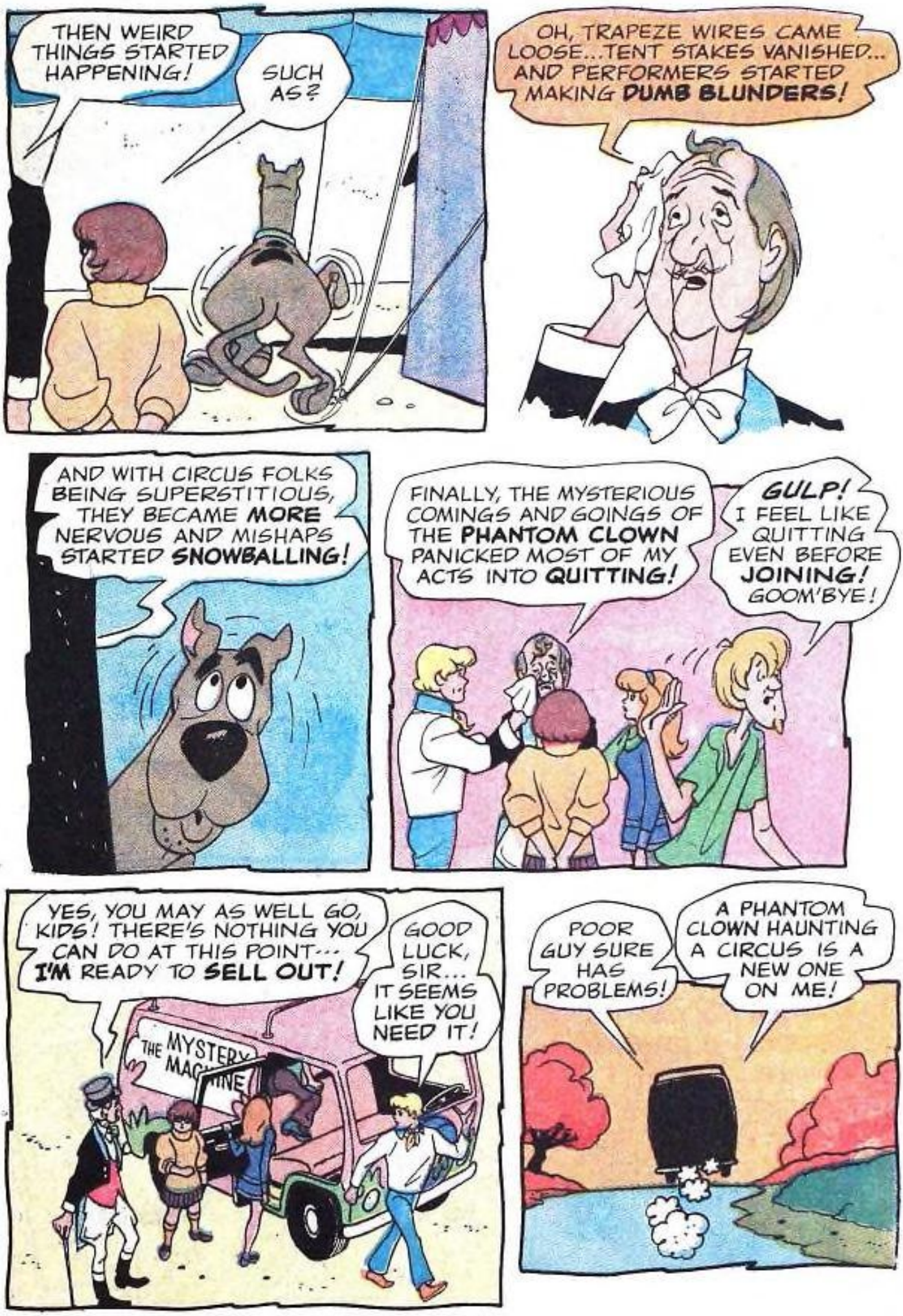
THEN WEIRD THINGS STARTED HAPPENING!
SUCH AS?
OH, TRAPEZE WIRES CAME LOOSE...TENT STAKES VANISHED... AND PERFORMERS STARTED MAKING **DUMB BLUNDERS!**
AND WITH CIRCUS FOLKS BEING SUPERSTITIOUS, THEY BECAME **MORE** NERVOUS AND MISHAPS STARTED **SNOWBALLING!**
FINALLY, THE MYSTERIOUS COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE **PHANTOM CLOWN** PANICKED MOST OF MY ACTS INTO **QUITTING!**
GULP! I FEEL LIKE QUITTING EVEN BEFORE **JOINING!** GOOM'BYE!
YES, YOU MAY AS WELL GO, KIDS! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AT THIS POINT... **I'M** READY TO **SELL OUT!**
GOOD LUCK, SIR... IT SEEMS LIKE YOU NEED IT!
THE MYSTERY MACHINE
POOR GUY SURE HAS PROBLEMS!
A PHANTOM CLOWN HAUNTING A CIRCUS IS A NEW ONE ON ME!

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I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY KIND OF SPOOKS!
SAME HERE, BUT THEY SURE GIVE ME THE CREEPS!
HOW ABOUT YOU, SCOOB?
SCOOB ??
SCOOBY DOO... WHERE ARE YOU ??
HE'S NOT UNDER OUR BLANKET! SCOOBY'S DISAPPEARED !!!
NONSENSE, SHAGGY! I THINK WE LEFT THE CIRCUS WITHOUT HIM!
GO BACK FOR HIM, FRED! HURRY!!
ROGER!
MEANWHILE, SCOOBY HAS FOUND THE EAVESDROPPER--THE PHANTOM CLOWN!
WATCH THE PRETTY COIN OF GOLD... AND YOU WILL DO AS YOU 'RE TOLD!
DUHH-H-H...
HA-HA-HA-HA! YOUR WILL IS MINE, YOU SILLY CANINE! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
OOOo-BE-DOOo-O...

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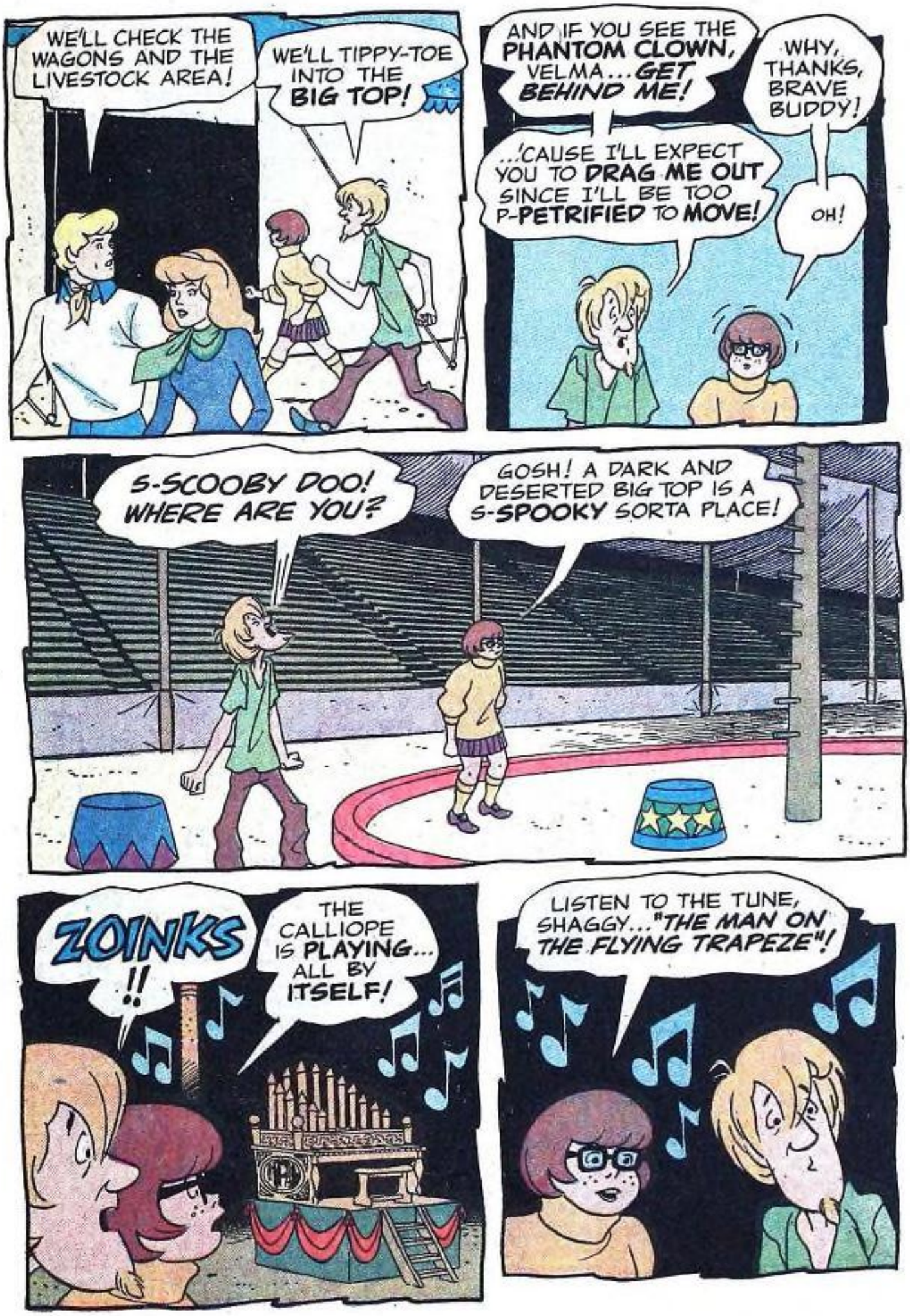
WE'LL CHECK THE WAGONS AND THE LIVESTOCK AREA!
WE'LL TIPPY-TOE INTO THE BIG TOP!
AND IF YOU SEE THE PHANTOM CLOWN, VELMA... GET BEHIND ME!
...'CAUSE I'LL EXPECT YOU TO DRAG ME OUT SINCE I'LL BE TOO P-PETRIFIED TO MOVE!
WHY, THANKS, BRAVE BUDDY!
OH!
S-SCOOBY DOO! WHERE ARE YOU?
GOSH! A DARK AND DESERTED BIG TOP IS A S-SPOOKY SORTA PLACE!
ZOINKS!!
THE CALLIOPE IS PLAYING... ALL BY ITSELF!
LISTEN TO THE TUNE, SHAGGY... "THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE"!

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OH, WOW! LOOK UP THERE! IT'S SCOOBY !!
HE'S MAKING THE SCENE ON THE HIGH WIRE!
ULP! B-BUT SCOOBY CAN'T DO THAT! IT'D EVEN BE TOUGH FOR A CAT!!
Y-YOU GO UP AND GET HIM! I'LL PUT SOMETHING SOFT UNDERNEATH!
LIKE YOUR BACKBONE ?
THIS TRAMPOLINE CAN SERVE AS A LIFENET!
DON'T MOVE, SCOOBY! FREEZE!!
HIS STUPID FRIENDS ARE ON THE WAY... IT'S TIME TO END THIS SILLY PLAY!
AWAKE!! AND QUAKE!!

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MEANWHILE, FRED AND DAPHNE SEARCH THE PROP TENT—

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FRED! DID YOU CALL?
WATCH THE PRETTY COIN OF GOLD... AND YOU WILL DO AS YOU ARE TOLD!
AND AS VELMA AND SHAGGY GET BACK DOWN TO EARTH~
DAPHNE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ON THAT UNICYCLE ?
OH-OH! SHE'S GOT THE SAME GLASSY-EYED LOOK THAT SCOOBY HAD A WHILE AGO!
STOP, DAPHNE, YOU'RE HEADING FOR-- GULP! THE LION CAGE IS OPEN!!
DO SOMETHING, SHAGGY!!
RUNNING ON JELLY-LEGS IS QUITE A FEAT FOR A STARTER!

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CLANG!
THERE! THE LION CAN'T GET OUT NOW!
BUT, SHAGGY! DAPHNE IS INSIDE!!
ER.....LET'S HOPE THE LION DOESN'T KNOW HIS JOB ANY BETTER THAN BIG BERTHA!
R-R-ROAR-R-R-R!!
EEK! HE SEEMS TO PLAY HIS PART ALL TOO WELL!
I'M AFRAID TO LOOK OR LISTEN!
I'D BETTER ROUND UP FREDDY!
A LION IS JUST A BIG CAT...AND I KNOW HOW TO SHOO CATS! DISTRACT THE BIG GUY, WILL YOU, SHAGGY?
B-BUT I WAS PLANNING TO FAINT ABOUT NOW!
C'MON, BIG BOY, FILL 'ER UP! I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!

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HOLD IT NOW TILL I SAY "SQUIRT"! RIGHT THIS WAY...
OKAY... BLAST AWAY, BIG BOY!
ROAR
OOPS! BAD SHOT! WE GOT DAPHNE INSTEAD OF THE LION!
SPLAT!
ROAR-R!!
GLUB! WH-WHERE AM I?
EEEEEEK!!
AND HERE I AM WITH AN EMPTY TRUNK!
NEARBY, IN THE PROP TENT—
HMMM! LOOKS LIKE THE SOUTH END OF FRED!
MMMPH PHTT!!

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UHHH....I WONDER WHAT THIS STRING IS ALL ABOUT!
WELL! THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
ROCKIN' ROLLS!! I'M LAUNCHED LIKE PUFFED WHEAT!
BOOM!
AWK! RIGHT THROUGH THE TOP OF THE BIG TOP!
WHILE BELOW...
I...I...C-CAN'T M-M-MOVE! (SHUDDER!)
GRRR!!

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?
OWWEE!
KRONK!
ROWRF!
YOU FLOORED THE LION, FREDDY! OH, THANKS!
THE LION WON'T THANK ME! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE! LET'S GO!
UG! HOLDING DOORS FOR LADIES IS DANGEROUS STUFF THESE DAYS!
CLANK!
SAY, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN... EXCEPT FOR SCOOBY!
SCOOBY DOO... WHERE ARE YOU?
HEY, WH-WHAT'S THIS? HAUNTED BARBELLS?!?
NO WONDER THE STRONGMAN QUIT HIS JOB! H-HALP!!
RUMBLE! RUMBLE!

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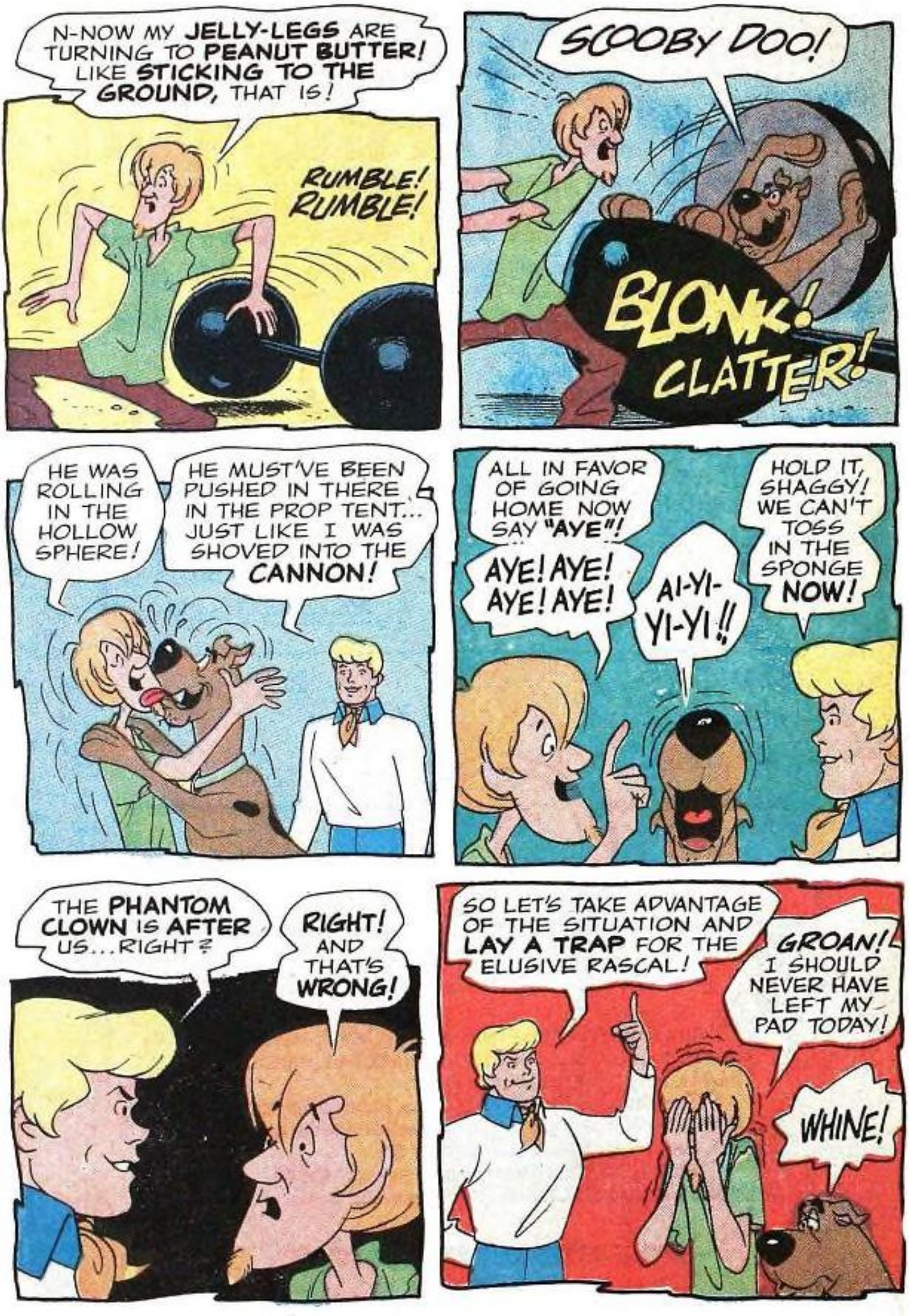
N-NOW MY JELLY-LEGS ARE TURNING TO PEANUT BUTTER! LIKE STICKING TO THE GROUND, THAT IS!
RUMBLE! RUMBLE!
SCOOBY DOO!
BLONK! CLATTER!
HE WAS ROLLING IN THE HOLLOW SPHERE!
HE MUST'VE BEEN PUSHED IN THERE IN THE PROP TENT... JUST LIKE I WAS SHOVED INTO THE CANNON!
ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING HOME NOW SAY "AYE"!
AYE! AYE! AYE! AYE!
AI-YI-YI-YI!!
HOLD IT, SHAGGY! WE CAN'T TOSS IN THE SPONGE NOW!
THE PHANTOM CLOWN IS AFTER US...RIGHT?
RIGHT! AND THAT'S WRONG!
SO LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND LAY A TRAP FOR THE ELUSIVE RASCAL!
GROAN! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT MY PAD TODAY!
WHINE!

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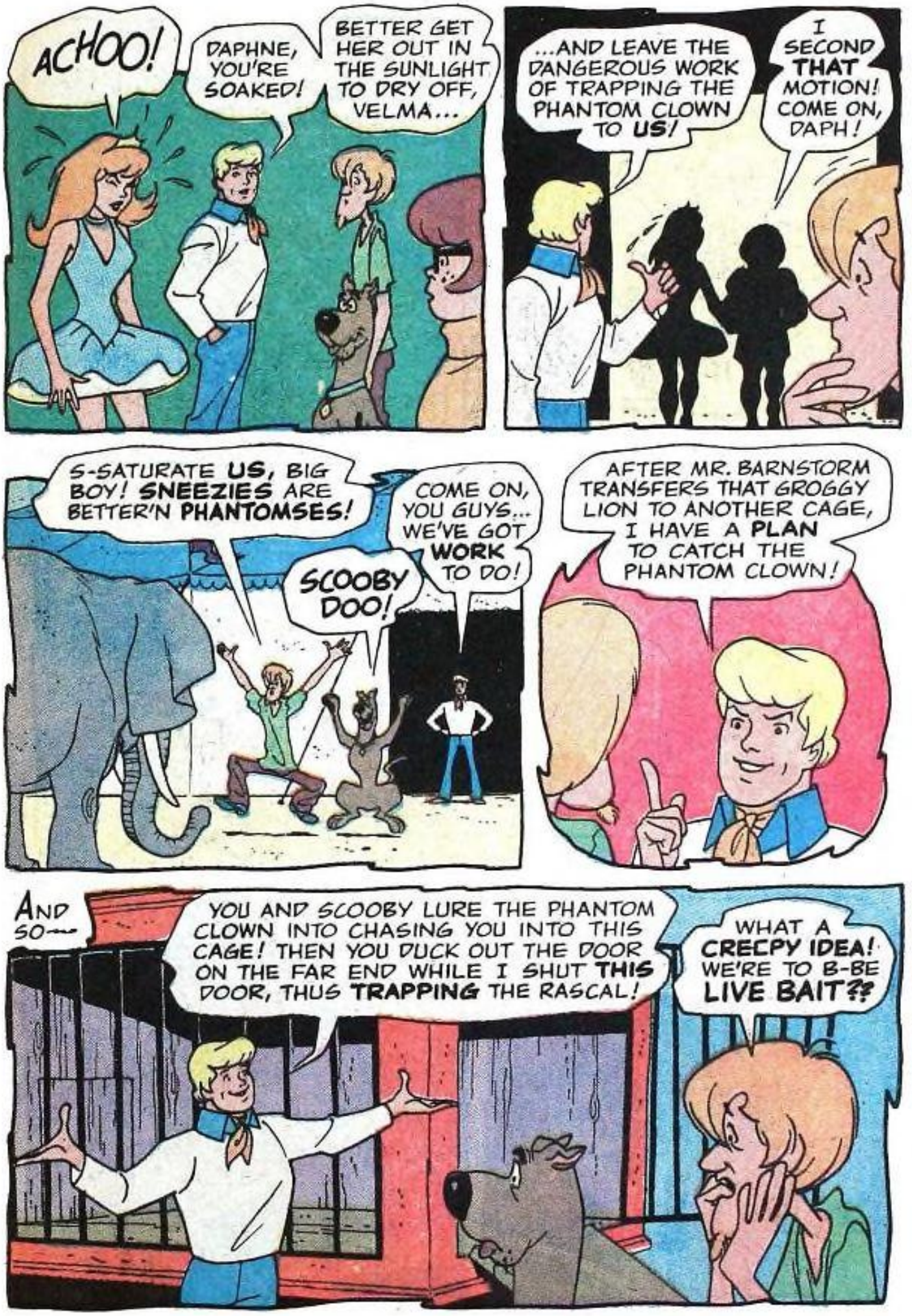
ACHOO!
DAPHNE, YOU'RE SOAKED!
BETTER GET HER OUT IN THE SUNLIGHT TO DRY OFF, VELMA...
...AND LEAVE THE DANGEROUS WORK OF TRAPPING THE PHANTOM CLOWN TO US!
I SECOND THAT MOTION! COME ON, DAPH!
S-SATURATE US, BIG BOY! SNEEZIES ARE BETTER'N PHANTOMSES!
SCOOBY DOO!
COME ON, YOU GUYS... WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
AFTER MR. BARNSTORM TRANSFERS THAT GROGGY LION TO ANOTHER CAGE, I HAVE A PLAN TO CATCH THE PHANTOM CLOWN!
AND SO—
YOU AND SCOOBY LURE THE PHANTOM CLOWN INTO CHASING YOU INTO THIS CAGE! THEN YOU DUCK OUT THE DOOR ON THE FAR END WHILE I SHUT THIS DOOR, THUS TRAPPING THE RASCAL!
WHAT A CREEPY IDEA! WE'RE TO B-BE LIVE BAIT??

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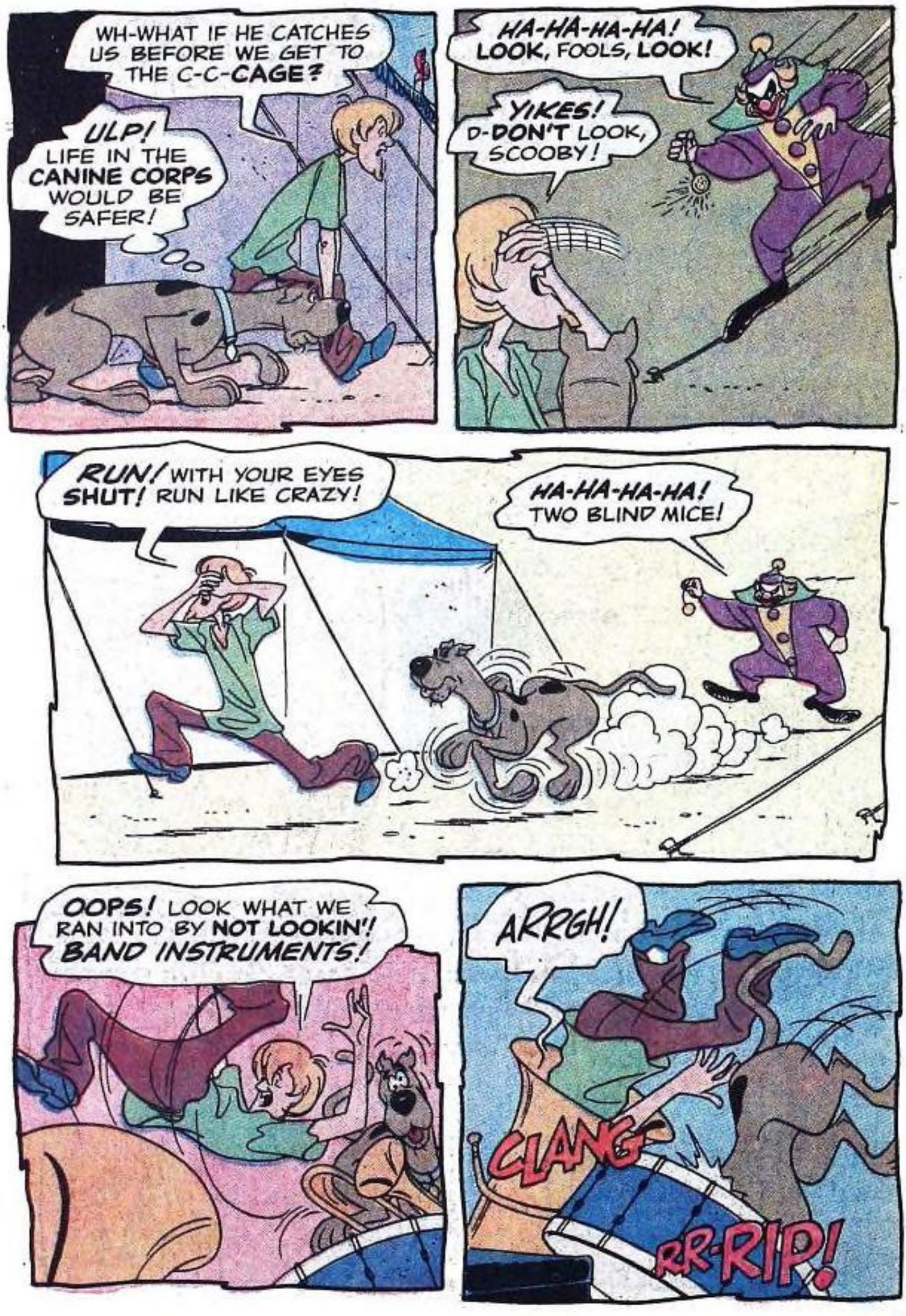
WH-WHAT IF HE CATCHES US BEFORE WE GET TO THE C-C-CAGE?
ULP! LIFE IN THE CANINE CORPS WOULD BE SAFER!
HA-HA-HA-HA! LOOK, FOOLS, LOOK!
YIKES! D-DON'T LOOK, SCOOBY!
RUN! WITH YOUR EYES SHUT! RUN LIKE CRAZY!
HA-HA-HA-HA! TWO BLIND MICE!
OOPS! LOOK WHAT WE RAN INTO BY NOT LOOKIN'! BAND INSTRUMENTS!
ARRGH!
CLANG
RR-RIP!

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WATCH THE PRETTY COIN OF GOLD--
BAH! THEY CAN'T DO AS THEY ARE TOLD!
THE BLESSING OF BEING A BLUNDERING BOOB!
FOLLOOO SCOOBY DOOOo!!
YEAH! I'M RIGHT ON YOUR TAIL, BOY!
HEH! DESPITE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, IT LOOKS LIKE SCOOBY AND SHAGGY ARE STILL GOING TO SPRING THE TRAP! THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
SCOOBY DOOOo!
BAH!
ATTA BOY, SCOOB, IN THE FRONT DOOR AND--
TWANG!
..WH-WHO TACKLED US??

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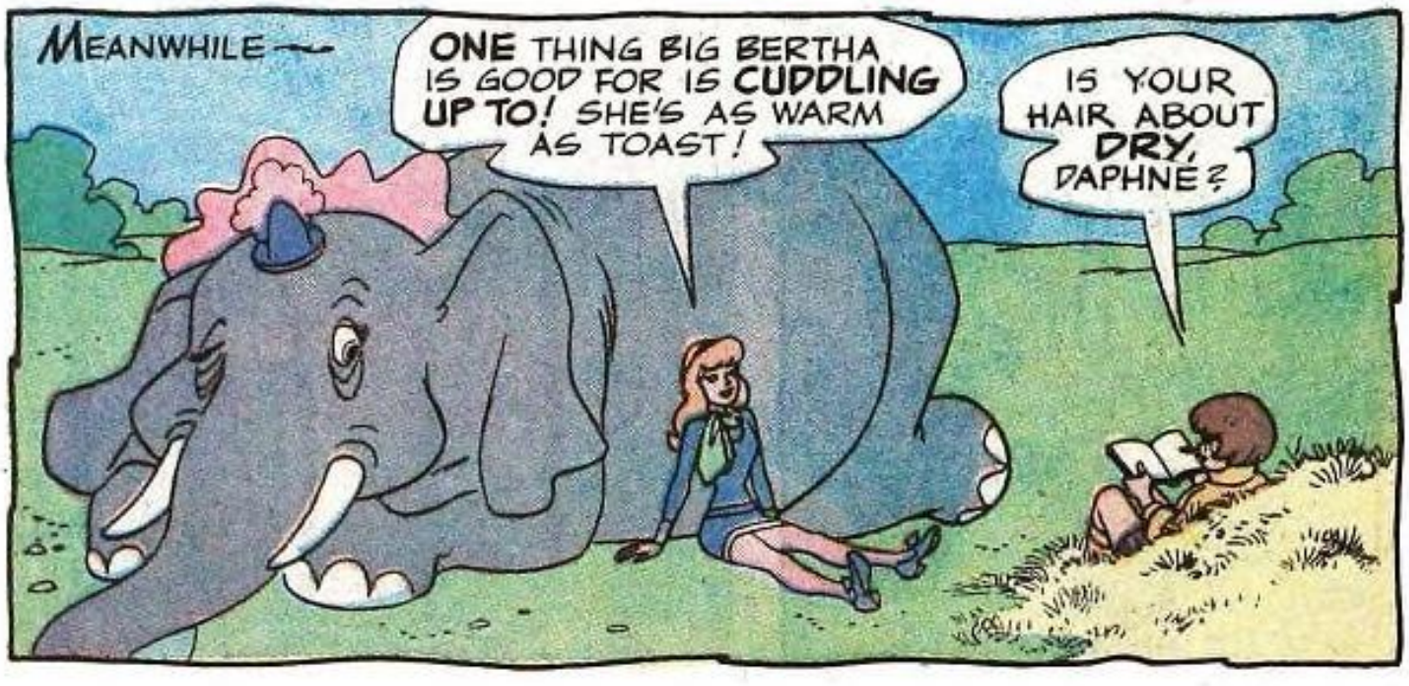

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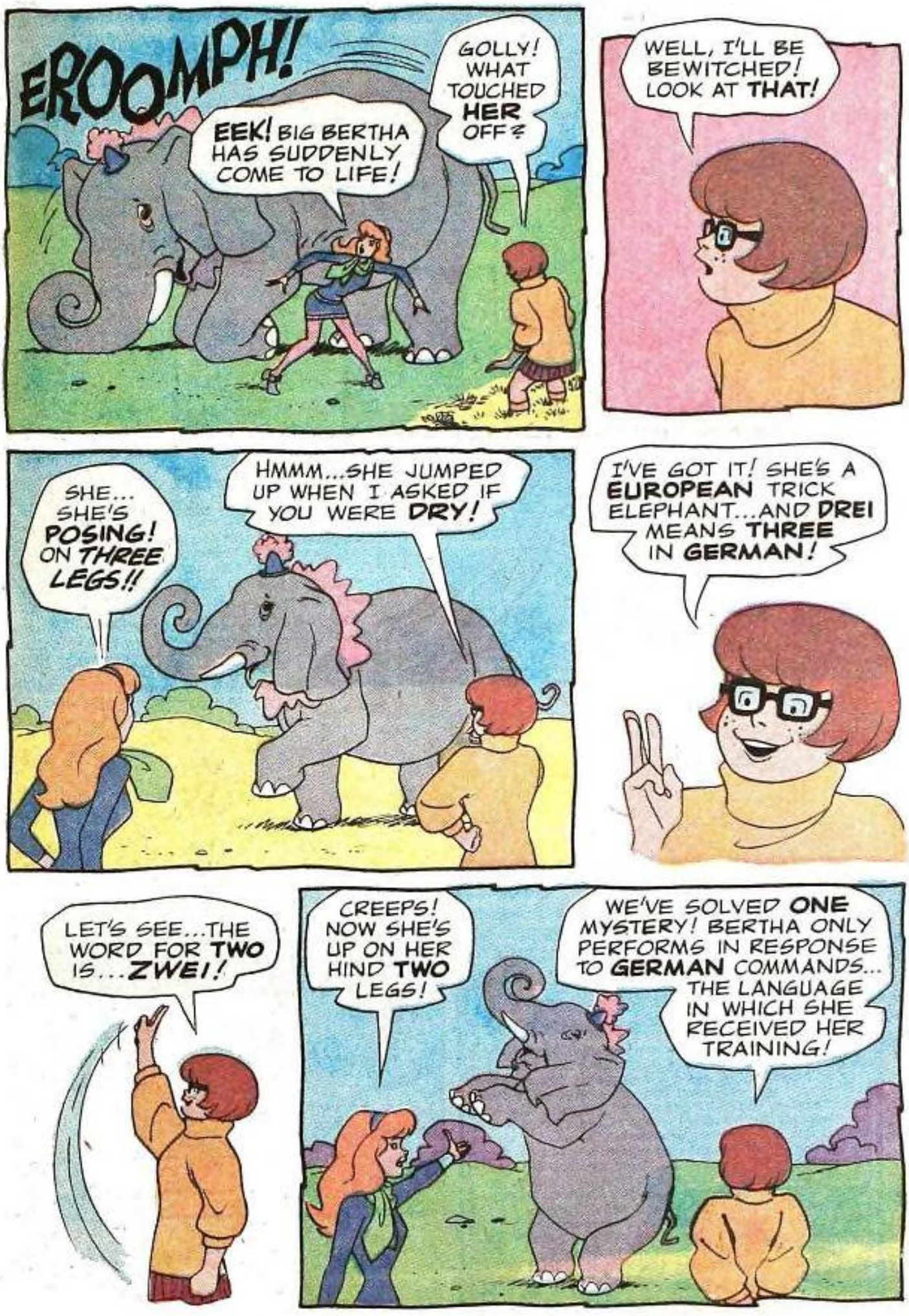
EROOMPH!
EEK! BIG BERTHA HAS SUDDENLY COME TO LIFE!
GOLLY! WHAT TOUCHED HER OFF?
WELL, I'LL BE BEWITCHED! LOOK AT THAT!
SHE... SHE'S POSING! ON THREE LEGS!!
HMMM...SHE JUMPED UP WHEN I ASKED IF YOU WERE DRY!
I'VE GOT IT! SHE'S A EUROPEAN TRICK ELEPHANT...AND DREI MEANS THREE IN GERMAN!
LET'S SEE...THE WORD FOR TWO IS...ZWEI!
CREEPS! NOW SHE'S UP ON HER HIND TWO LEGS!
WE'VE SOLVED ONE MYSTERY! BERTHA ONLY PERFORMS IN RESPONSE TO GERMAN COMMANDS... THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH SHE RECEIVED HER TRAINING!

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WHINNEY!
WHINNEY!
GROWR!
HUH?? WHAT'S THAT?
ULP! THE GHOST CLOWN HAS FREDDY AND SHAGGY HYPNOTIZED INTO ACTING LIKE HORSES!
GROWR!
WHINNEY!
AND SCOOBY'S MAKING LIKE A LION!
YOU'RE NEXT IN THE ACT, GIRLS! WATCH THE PRETTY COIN OF GOLD...
DUH-H-H...
NO, NO, DAPHNE, DON'T LOOK!
WE'VE ABOUT HAD IT... UNLESS I CAN ENLIST BIG BERTHA'S TALENTS TO OUR CAUSE! HMM...
BIG BERTHA'S A FAMOUS DANCING ELEPHANT! LET'S SEE...TO DANCE IS TANZEN!
EROOMPH-ROOMPH!!
THAT'S IT, BERTHA! TANZEN!! TANZEN!! JA WOHL!

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WHINNEY!
WHINNEY!!
D-DOWN, YOU TWO! WATCH IT!
HA-HA! AS HORSES, FREDDY AND SHAGGY ARE SPOOKED AT SIGHT OF A DANCING ELEPHANT!
TANZEN, BERTHA! GOOT!
A-HA! THE PHANTOM CLOWN DROPPED HIS HYPNOSIS-INDUCING COIN!
HEY!!
GOT IT!
WATCH THE PRETTY COIN OF GOLD, AND YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU ARE TOLD!
DUH-H-H...
AS A MONKEY ON A BAR... YOU'LL NOT TRAVEL VERY FAR!
CHEEP!
HEH! NOW TO SNAP THE GANG OUT OF THEIR TRANCES!
AND LATER—
PETROS, THE PALM-READER!! HE'S WITH THE SIDE SHOW!
BUT I ALMOST ENDED UP OWNING THE WHOLE SHOW! YOU'D SOON HAVE BEEN WILLING TO SELL FOR A SONG!

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I GOT THE IDEA WHEN YOU BOUGHT BIG BERTHA AND SHE PROVED A DUD! WITH EVERYBODY UNEASY, IT WAS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR ME TO GO INTO MY PHANTOM CLOWN ROUTINE!
ACH-TUNG!
LOOK! THIS RECORDING OF A CALLIOPE EXPLAINS HOW IT SEEMED TO PLAY WITH NO PLAYER!
AND THE LAW TAKING PETROS AWAY EXPLAINS HOW IT DOESN'T PAY TO PLAY A PHANTOM CLOWN!
AND NOW IT'LL BE ON WITH THE SHOW! ER...IF I CAN REPLACE THE PERFORMERS WHO QUIT!
AHEM! PERHAPS WE CAN BE OF SOME SMALL SERVICE...!
YEAH! YEAH!
HEH! WITH THIS HYPNOTIC COIN IT'S QUITE EASY TO COME UP WITH A SUPER COLOSSAL SHOW!
HOP!
ARF!

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